

# A Day in the Life of Torrance's National Guard Company

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If you were to pass by the Torrance National Guard Armory, on Cabrillo Ave., some Sunday afternoon, chances are you would see the men of Company E, 132nd Armored Battalion, busy at work constructing a bridge which may span up to 300 feet in length.

J. Horlander, a Torrance city official, are trained and equipped to provide engineer support for the 40th infantry division. Their training includes construction, repair and maintenance of roads, fords, culverts, fixed or floating bridges, landing strips and defensive installations. They are also trained to fight as infantrymen if the occasion arises. One Sunday of every month is spent by the guardsmen in actual training and classroom participation in bridge-building and dismantling, map reading, drill and many other important factors that are essential in making up a good engineering company.

The young men of Bridge Co. E, are trained to operate such heavy equipment as cranes, bulldozers, and trucks up to five-ton capacity. All this equipment is vital in the construction of bridges, whether they be on land or water. All equipment is serviced and repaired by the guardsmen themselves.

**LED BY VETERANS**  
Age and experience vary greatly among the men of the Torrance National Guard. Such veterans as Master Sergeants Burgher and Lyons have seen action in World War II and have 30 years of army experience between them. Lyons was a highly decorated member of the famed 101st Airborne in the European theater during World War II. Such experience is very vital and helpful to members of the Guard, whose ages range from 17 to 35 years.

Many members of the Guard are now awaiting their turn for six months active duty. Others who have been in the Guard since last March are not required to serve any active duty but will serve their eight year obligation in the active National Guard Reserve. Those who serve six months active duty cut their total reserve duty to five and a half years instead of the usual eight.

Those who elect active six months duty go to Fort Ord for eight weeks basic training. They are sent to Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri where they receive instruction in the operation and maintenance of big equipment and bridge building.

When the guardsmen returns to Company E, he becomes a very important member, not only to the Guard, but to his community.

**EMERGENCIES**  
The Torrance National Guard is trained not only for times of war, but is always ready for peacetime emergencies. A recent Sunday drill at the Torrance Armory prepared the men for any local fire emergencies.

As on every Sunday meeting, the National Guardsmen arrived promptly at 7:30. They lined up in two platoons under Master Sergeant Burgher and Lyons.

They answered to roll call by Master Sergeant John Garcia, a full time member of the National Guard who handles all the companies' clerical work as well as being a part-time father-confessor to the younger men. After roll call, the first hour was devoted to the cleaning of each man's M-1 rifle. Each gun was taken apart and wiped clean for inspection by the platoon sergeants. Then came cleaning and inspection of all the companies' vehicles and equipment.

After that steel girders were unloaded and arranged and bolted together to form a huge steel bridge which can support tons of equipment such as tanks, trucks and the men who operate them.

**CHOW CALL**  
When the noon whistle blew, the men were more than ready for the chow prepared by some of the Guard's own members. A tempting array of barbecued ham, baked beans, cole slaw salad, sliced peaches and soft

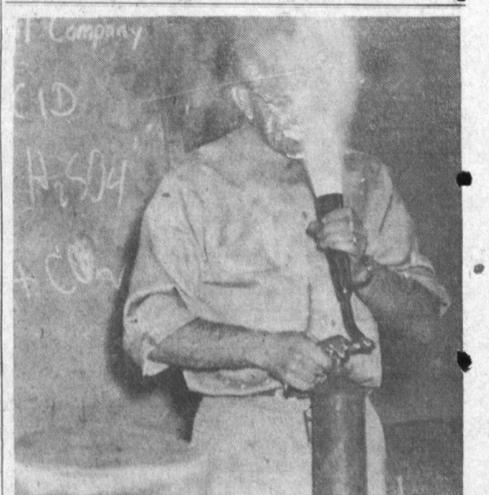
drinks was greeted enthusiastically by the hungry men. After lunch, the men of Company E were ready for their class time. Two outstanding men in the field of fire fighting and fire prevention were on hand to lecture and give demonstrations to the men.

Captain Horlander introduced C. H. Van Marter, head fire protection engineer for the Union Oil Co. and Gordon Northington, chief training officer for the Torrance Fire Dept. Van Marter is a graduate of the California Institute of Technology and has had over 25 years experience with the Union Oil Co. Northington is an expert in fire fighting and has many years experience in this field.

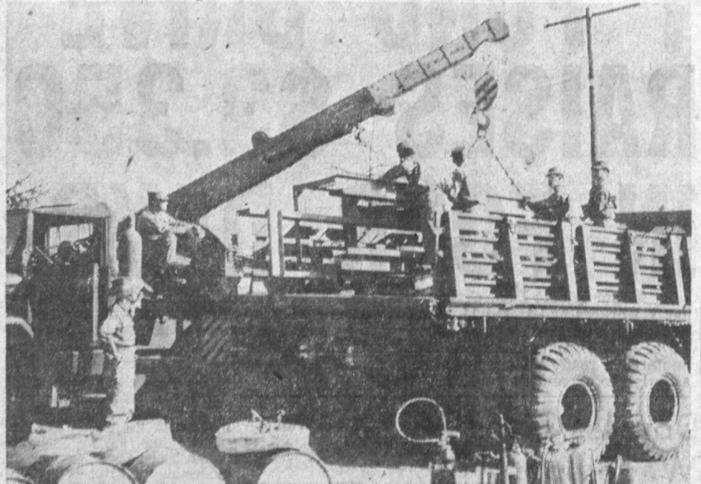
In the two-hour lecture the guardsmen learned about three types of fires, how they start and how they are extinguished. Northington and Van Marter demonstrated how fire extinguishers are built and how they work. Van Marter even turned a dry ice extinguisher on his face to disprove the belief that dry ice burns. Van Marter explained that the chemical will only burn when rubbed on the skin and that it is actually very helpful.

The student Guardsmen trooped out to the huge lot in the rear of the Armory for a real fire demonstration by Van Marter, Northington and mem-

bers of the Torrance Fire dept. fire. As the last fire is extinguished, another full day's drill ends for the men of the Torrance National Guard. They look forward to next week's training period.



SEE, IT DOESN'T BURN says C. H. Van Marter, chief fire protection engineer for the Union Oil Co., as he shoots CO2 (dry ice) over his face. Van Marter was demonstrating the fire extinguishing qualities of the chemical to members of Company E.



GIRDERS are unloaded by the men of Company E's Second platoon under the direction of Master Sergeant Burgher, center. The girders will be used to construct bridges up to 300 feet in length.



GASOLINE FIRE is extinguished by Battalion Chief Gordon Northington, of the Torrance Fire department, as he demonstrates the way a fog mist extinguisher smothers the blaze. Men of Company E, on left, cover their faces from the intense heat.



CHOW CALL finds the men of Company E more than ready. Food, prepared by the guardsmen themselves, is dished out by the chief cook and his assistants for the day. Barbecued ham was the main entree.

### ARRIVALS

**TORRANCE MEMORIAL**  
January 1  
KOBAY, Karep Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. William J. Kobay, 4213 Sepulveda Blvd.  
January 3  
MATEGORIN, Gregory O., 8 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Mategorin, 3217 Scott st.  
CROSLY, Katherine Irene, 7 pounds, 5 1/2 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Crosley, Jr., 1913 Huntington lane.  
January 5  
MITCHELL, James Casey, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell, 22330 Ladeene ave.  
January 9  
BENTLEY, Ronald Neal, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Bentley, 4219 W. 174 st.  
January 10  
LYBYER, Vicki Ann, 5 pounds 11 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Lybyer, 3960 Bluff st.  
January 11  
NESTHUS, Bradley David, 9 pounds, 4 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Nesthus, 2147 Bermuda st.  
January 12  
TOWSE, Cynthia Marie, 6 pounds, 14 1/2 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Towse, Jr., 1211 W. 257 st.  
RICE, Constance Kay, 6 pounds, 4 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip L. Rice, 409 S. Gertruda.  
LE BLANC, Annette Marie, 6 pounds, 2 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert LeBlanc, 22626 Evalyn ave.  
WRIGHT, Teresa Dawn, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. George R. Wright, 25913 Cypress st.  
VOORHEES, John David, 5 pounds, 6 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. David E. Voorhees, 22030 Ladeene ave.  
January 13  
TAYLER, Daniel, 5 pounds, 7 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Tayler, 2400 Ralston Lane.  
BERRY, Daryl James, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. George R. Berry, Jr., 2008 Mathews ave.  
CULLIVAN, Lynn Todd, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Cullivan, 213 W. 225 st.  
January 14  
JEFFERSON, Daniel Richard, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Jefferson, 5025 Stevemann st.  
THOMPSON, Ernestine, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Thompson, P. O. Box 33.  
MALDONADO, Robert, 6 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Maldonado, 21827 Neptune ave.  
BERRIER, Loreen Marie, 8 pounds, 10 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Berrier, 1040 W. 223 st.  
FOX, Linda Sue, 7 pounds, 7 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fox, 1729 Dixon st.  
BLODGETT, Kris Louise, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Blodgett, 4732 W. 172 st.  
MOORE, Brian David, 7 pounds, 6 1/2 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Moore, 3702 W. 226 st.  
January 15  
VILLAHEA, Michael Vincent, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Villahea, 18445 Regina ave.  
GREEN, John Richard, 6 pounds, 8 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Green, 22708 Linda dr.  
FOX, Marsha Faye, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard M. Fox, 22521 S. Vermont.  
January 16  
DE MENTE, Debra Lynn, 6 pounds, 13 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O. DeMente, 25341 Eshelman.  
ATWOOD, Lindra Lee, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Atwood, 21247 Archibald ave.  
January 17  
DUNGAN, Lisa Marie, 8 pounds, 8 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dungan, Apt. 114 Harbor Hills.  
ADAMS, Raymond James, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Adams, 22009 Grant ave.  
January 18  
DE VORE, Michael Gene, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. L. De Vore, 2313 Clark lane.  
HONEYCUTT, Dawn Elane, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Honeycutt, 3551 Spencer st.  
MCCOLLUM, Charles Francis, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. W. McCollum, 3202 Dow ave.  
JASQUEZ, Anthony Joseph, 3 pounds, 8 ounces, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Jasquez, 22411 1/2 Delores.

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## Kenny's Union Carbide Hoop Basketball Tournament Teams Lead City Leagues

The Kenny's Shoe Repair and Wright basketball teams continue as the top teams in the Torrance Recreation Department's Open League, following Monday night's play in North High's Gym.

Kenny's with Bob Fresenius dunking 16 points, pegged a 56-26 win over an ever trying Foods Co. quintet to stay in the top spot with a three-win, no loss record. Pat Mullin dished up some nice shots for the Foodmen, counting 10 from his center position.

Wrights kept pace with the last year's championship cobbler's team by outlasting the heretofore undefeated knolls drugstore melon tossers by a 56-40 score. Bob Moon paced the winners, ringing up 20 points from a forward position. Bob Combs, ex-Redondo High and Ely Camino star, hit for 12 and Fanny Markham for 10 to highlight the losers' scoring attack. All of Markham's tallies occurred in a fourth period dead-eye outburst.

In the third contest of the evening, General Telephone gained momentum after being down three in the first quarter to earn a 46-36 victory from the Fenwick's Shoe Repair entry. Charles Schooley and Bob Goldstone, of the winners, scored 14 and 13 respectively for high score honors. Ron "Wimpy" Chambers playing forward for the shoemakers, matched Goldstone's 13 counters with five long set shots and three out of five from the charity line.

What appears to be the feature game of the first round of play occurs at 9:10 p.m. next Monday in the 182nd and Yukon St. Gym, when the league leaders are scheduled to tangle. The public is invited to attend, admission free according to Elmer "Red" Moon, athletic director for the city band league organizer.

## Basketball Tournament Held at Stephen White

On January 17, Stephen M. White Junior High school held its second annual basketball tournament in which the "A" grades played the "B" grades.

Results were as follows: A7's 25; B7's-20. Coach Baker's A7's avenged their loss to the B7's in football by eking out a victory. Brown paced the A7 scorers with 9 points followed by Hutson and Bareles' 6 points, and Trygstad and Brown's 2 points. Leading scorer in the game was Frank Calleros of the B7's who dropped in 13 points.

B8's 32; A8's-19. Roger Mouldenhauer led Coach Maedo's earned victory, being the leading scorer for the B8's with 12 points. Other scorers for the B8's were: Sam James, 8 points; Glen Meyers, 6 points; Tom Spence, 4 points; and Jim Soundergaard, 2 points.

The outstanding players for the T8's were Clayton Craftreedy and Mike Velasquez.

In the main event of the day, the B9's coached by Charles Castagna, swept a fighting A9 team off the court. Final score found the B9's on the long end of a 37 to 15 score. Leading scorers for the winners were: Bob Allegria, 9 points; Carl

1135 posted their first win in three starts, nipping Ryan Aeros, 30-21, following three periods of even-steven play. Caesar Rodriguez proved to be the big gunner for the victors, ringing up eight of his 14 point total in the vital last period. Ryan guard Don Ross tossed through four nifties from the field to top his team's individual scoring efforts.

Union Carbide, the league leaders, downed the Manor Barbers, 48-43, in a foul infested final game of the evening. With two minutes left to play, the Barbers closed a 17-26 halftime deficit to 43-45, only to fade in the final moments as opponent guard Chuck Campanik sank a free throw and Don Cole swished one from the field to clinch the contest. High scorers in the game were Tom Spessard, 17, Don Cole 12, for the Carbide team and Lynn Dalton, 12, John Masterson, 11 Bob Shoup 10, for the Barbers.

**GAMES NEXT WEEK**  
January 27.—Open League  
7 p.m., General Telephone vs. Knolls Drug Store  
8:05 p.m., Foods Co. vs. Fenwick's Shoe Repair  
9:10 p.m., Wrights vs. Kenny's Shoe Repair

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